

REMARKS

According to MPEP §803, "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." No showing has been made by the Office that the search and examination of this entire application will require serious burden. To the contrary, the Group I, II, and III claims are all classified in class 514, subclass 570. Thus, the search is not burdensome and the Office's issuance of a restriction requirement is improper.

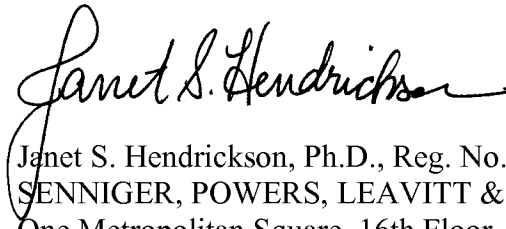
Subject to the foregoing traverse, applicants elect Group I (claims 1-2) directed to a method of repressing weight gain or reducing weight in a male patient.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance and request early allowance of the pending claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$225.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-1345 for a two month extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any under payment or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Janet S. Hendrickson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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